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5 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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7 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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9 DINA RAE RICHARDSON, individually  
10 and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 INTERSTATE HOTELS & RESORTS,  
14 INC., and INTERSTATE MANAGEMENT  
COMPANY, LLC,

15 Defendants.  
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No. C 16-06772 WHA

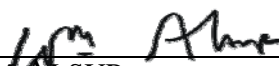
**ORDER (1) GRANTING IN PART  
AND DENYING IN PART  
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION,  
AND (2) DENYING MOTION  
FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
INTERIM CLASS COUNSEL**

17 The undersigned judge believes it is best for class actions to be settled after class  
18 certification has been determined in favor of the putative class. While it is expected that any  
19 settlement will be discounted for the probability of success on the merits, it is unacceptable to  
20 further discount the settlement for the probability (or lack thereof) of class certification. The  
21 undersigned judge has occasionally appointed “interim class counsel” in advance of class  
22 certification only when there has been clear need to do so — for example, in light of rapidly  
23 dwindling assets to fund any potential class settlement. Plaintiff’s motion for appointment of  
24 interim class counsel here, however, is unsupported by any such need (*see* Dkt. No. 36). It is  
25 therefore **DENIED** without prejudice to a renewed motion setting forth more cogent reasons for  
26 why this case warrants an exception.  
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1 The deadline for plaintiff to move for class certification is continued from August 17 to  
2 **SEPTEMBER 7 AT NOON**. Otherwise, the parties' stipulated request for a further extension of  
3 time on said motion and to attempt private mediation (Dkt. No. 35), filed concurrently with  
4 plaintiff's motion for appointment of interim class counsel, is **DENIED**.

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6 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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8 Dated: August 2, 2017.

  
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WILLIAM ALSUP  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE